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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patent
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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated December 5, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 19 and 20 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

Claims 8-18, 21 and 22 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendments. For example, claims 19 and 20, directed to non-elected subject matter, have been canceled.